

DISPLAYING THE AWARD WINNING quilt which will be in Indiannapolis for national arts and craft competition by the end of August is Joyce Byers of Spearman. This quilt -- with windmill appliques -- has already won top honors in both district and state Extension Service arts and craft competition in Texas. Mrs. Byers has over 200 hours of work in the 90-inch by 110-inch quilt.

### HANSFORD REPORT by JAMES JARRETT

Ah, there's nothing like the refreshing thrill of mathematics to invigorate the languishing soul . . Yeah, I wrote that. I can't

believe it, but I did. So, what brings on this litany of mathematical progression. Why, nothing more than the power of

percentages. Oh, yes, and the effective tax rate. Any who read this column with any regularity -- and we all know how important regularity is after watching the commercials on TV -- will remember a treatise I did not too long ago on the effective tax

I'll not repeat it here. Suffice it to say that the effective tax rate was dreamed up in some mad scientist's secret laboratory in Austin -- that's right, the Texas legislature.

Then, to top it off, we have to deal with the power of percentages. That in itself is probably one of the most misleading things in the world.

For example, a retailer who doubles his cost to arrive at a sales price -- is he getting 100 percent profit or 50 percent profit? Depends upon which end you're looking at. If his cost is \$5 and he's selling it for \$10, then it's a 50 percent markup, right?

And he does all this in the hopes

that, after paying all expenses, he can get maybe five percent. I've known people who would kill for a seven to ten percent net profit.

I've known many more who were happy to find they had made a one to three percent net profit.

Lord, you've got to watch us preachers. If we're not careful, we're liable to get off on so many tangents we'll never get back to the main point.

So what's the main point? The hospital district tax increase of 14.7 cents. That doesn't sound too scary. It doesn't sound nice, but it

doesn't sound too scary. Well, in fact it's a 56 percent increase over their current tax rate. It will be going from a current rate of \$.262 per \$100 to \$.409 per

\$100. Got that so far? Good, let's

continue.

Now enters the effective tax rate. What is it? I don't know, go ask your mother. She said to ask me? Well, come back when you're a little older and I'm a little wiser.

Anyway, the proposed tax rate is 113.47 percent higher than the effective tax rate. I don't know what it'means, but, friend, that's scary. But aren't we talking about the same thing?

You really want to get scared? The Palo Duro River Authority increased their tax rate to \$.045151 per \$100 this week. That's an increase of 279 percent. But, of course, we're only talking about a

tax hike of slightly over three

Besides all that, we voted for it when we authorized the PDRA to get \$22-million in bond money. In fact, we authorized that and a whole lot more. The 4-1/2 cent rate

by the PDRA is to pay back only some \$4.4 million of the entire \$22-million. What can we do about the hospital tax rate? A lot, if we want to. We can call for a roll back election. Then the district would

be limited to establishing a tax no the effective tax rate. That would lower current taxes from \$.262 to just over 20 cents per

\$100. In effect, a tax decrease. It would also lower income to the hospital by over \$700,000. That would probably close the hospital -a subject which was brought out at

the board meeting the other night. I'm not sure it would close the Manor, after all there are revenue bonds there which the hospital district must repay whether the hospital is in operation or not.

By the way, the hospital district is coming out of the current tax year with a deficit in excess of \$875,000. Of that total, some \$222,380 is from the operation of the Hansford Manor.

The district began this current fiscal year with a deficit of \$375, 000. I don't know how much of that was attributable to the Manor, if

any. But, I suspect, some of it was. In other words, doing away with the hospital doesn't do away with the deficit. It would, though, do away with a good deal of the expense.

How can we get a more cost effective hospital? By using it mainly. If we run to Perryton or Amarillo for every little minor item we need treated, then the cost of our local hospital is going to rise.

What's minor? I guess it depends upon whether it's you or me that's sick. (Somebody laugh, please.)

There's more than a little wisdom to this phrase, "Use it or lose it", in whatever context it appears. So, let's use it -- it's far too important to lose.

Somebody asked the other day if I ever found anything bad to say about anybody. They were refering to articles and stories I write in

Sure I do. After all, I'm married. I have my share of both in-laws and outlaws. I also have my pred-judices, my likes and my dislikes. I also have a responsibility to print facts. And no matter how much a person may be disliked by another person in the same com-munity, if they're doing a reason-able job or have received special recognition for their efforts, then

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200 hours of work by Joyce Byers . Lo MANSPORD

# Quilt going to national contest

Some 33 years of quilting experience may pay off in national recognition for Joyce Byers of Spearman when an item she made appears in the National Home Demonstration Arts and Crafts competition at the end of this month.

That item -- a king size hand made quilt -- has already won both district and state level competition and will be hand carried to the national contest in Indiannapolis, Ind. by the District I Director for the Extension Clubs of Texas.

The contest will be held Aug. 30 through Sept. 2 in the Indy 500 city with Mrs. Byers' quilt in competition with other arts and crafts from across the United States.

It's a pretty heady atmosphere and the conclusion of a trip which began a year ago last April for the special pastel yellow and appliqued quilt made by the Spearman wom-

That first competition came on the District I level in April, 1986, and was entered by the Spearman quilting veteran at the urging of friends in her Home Demonstration

"The different ones who saw the quilt after I put it together asked me to enter the contest," she remembers. "I had no idea this would take place."

But take place it did. Out of all the arts and crafts on display at the district level competition, Joyce's quilt won the right to advance to the state arts and crafts contest.

That was held in September last year. She didn't know she had won that -- competition there was from all 14 districts in the state of Texas -- until she was notified that they needed her quilt for the nationals competition.

"I was surprised, I was honored and excited," she declares.

The fact that the talented Spearman woman won the right to advance her quilted piece to nationals comes as no surprise if the entire story behind the quilt is brought out.

Joyce has been quilting for the past 33 years and has, by this time, become an accomplished artisan in

the craft.

"I did a little when I was a kid, but I didn't really get started until after I got married," she relates. "Then the ladies of my church did quilting for the needy and I joined with them.'

That beginning some 33 years ago with the ladies from the Apostolic Faith in Spearman, saw Mrs. Byers begin to quilt not only for giving by the church, but for her family as well.

Joyce and her husband, Bennie, are the parents of six children. They include two who are still at home -- Becky, 23, and Marvin, 17

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#### Rate climbs by 56% over '86-87 rate . . .

## HCHD tax rate up to 40.9¢

monthly profit for July

The Hansford County Hospital District board of directors officially adopted a balanced budget -- the first non-deficit budget in two years -- and stated their intent to increase the tax rate by 14.7 cents

## Pair sentenced court to TDC

A pair of quilty pleas were entered in 84th district court Thursday by two men accused of burglary in connection with a pair of break-ins at Gruver last March.

District judge J.E. Blackburn sentenced Phillip Walters and James Wesley Barrow to terms in the Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville of five and 10 years, respectively, during the Thursday morning court hearings.

The terms are to run concurrently with pending sentences out of Moore, Potter and Oldham counties where the pair are also wanted on similar charges, according to an order signed by Judge Blackburn Thursday.

The two were arrested following the March breakins of G&G Foodliner and Gruver Lumber in Gruver by Hansford Sheriff, R.L. McFarlin.

The pair are in Hansford county jail pending transportation to the

#### PDRA increases '87 tax rate to 4.5 cents

Palo Duro River Authority board members voted to increase their tax rate this last week from the \$.0119 per \$100 figure to \$.045151, and increase of 3.3251 cents per \$100 of value for residents in Hansford County, Moore County and Stinnett, all member communities of the Hansford-based river authority.

The increase will be used to begin making principal and interest payments on the \$4.4 million in bond money already received by the PDRA in the first stages of the physical delelopment of the lake

The dam, when constructed, will eventually hold some 60,900 acre feet of water, a reservoir to supply drinking water for the member communities of the river authority.

The initial bond money is the first installment of a total of \$22-million which will eventually be used as construction on the

project proceeds.

The new tax rate effectively takes care of operation and main-tenance of the PDRA as well as initial construction of the dam site and will service the debt retirement of the river authority.

during their board meeting Thursday evening at the Hansford Hos-

The increase is a 56 percent raise over their 1986-87 rate of \$.262 per \$100 of value, but an increase of 113.47 percent over their effective tax rate of \$.191611 as computed utilizing a complicated formula prepared by the state.

In dollars and cents, the proposed tax increase would result in a home valued at \$50,000 raising from \$131 to \$204.50 in hospital district taxes.

The 1987-88 fiscal year budget calls for outlay of \$3,694,091 as

## in 84th district Contractuals erase HCHD

In a report to members of the Hansford County Hospital District board of directors Thursday evening, hospital adimistrator Al La Rochelle reported an operations profit of \$5,590.47 for the month of July for the Hansford Hospital -- a profit negated by a loss of \$49,503.

debt write offs. Including depreciation, the loss for the month slipped to \$51,460. 26, La Rochelle told directors.

The hospital's loss for the year stands at \$383,910.63 through 10 months of operation. If depreciation is eliminated, operations losses are \$308,438.13. Total losses to the medicare-

medicaid-bad debt portion of the balance sheet shows a figure of \$297,785.44 says the administra-Meanwhile, the Hansford Manor

complete rennovation and construction phase for the past year --shows a loss of \$7,618.32 without depreciation for the month of July.

For the year, the retirement facility shows a loss of \$150,819.18 without depreciation expenses, he told the board.



SPEARMAN LYNX FOOTBALL HOPEFUL Norman Scroggs tightens up the laces on his pads for the first day of full contact work by the 1987 edition of the Lynx gridiron squad. Coach Don Mullins and company presented a special Parent's Night in the Lynx Stadium Saturday even

for the current fiscal year.

The largest increase comes from the Hansford Manor which rose from \$772,826 this current year to a projected \$1.3 million for 1987-88. The increase is \$523,353 and is due from the need of increased staff and debt retirement.

Meanwhile, the hospital district which is the owner of the Hansford Manor -- will be coming out of the current fiscal year with a

deficit of just over \$875,000.

The new tax rate will balance the budget by the end of the upcoming fiscal year if revenue projections --an integral part of the budget -- are met by both the hospital and . Hansford Manor.

Projections call for a 26 percent occupancy of the hospital and a 90 percent occupancy of the retirement center.

Taxes under the 40.9 cent rate are expected to raise \$1.5 million in projected at \$1.369 million and Manor revenues a t\$1.308 million for the upcoming year.

Worked into the budget are some \$500,000 in medicare, medicaid, indigent care and bad dept costs for the new fiscal year. Current year losses in this category are estimated at \$426,395 while the new budget shows a loss of \$519.548.

Under current tax laws, Hansford residents will have the opportunity to voice their opinion on the proposed tax increase during a series of meetings which are prescribed by the tax law. That first meeting will come on

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### **HCA** budget lowered for third year

The Hansford County Tax Appraisal District has lowered it's budget for the third consecutive year with the proposed 1987-88 budget pegged at \$219,190 for the upcoming year.

The budget is \$5,640 lower than the current budget of \$224,830 and \$14,339 lower than the 1985-86 budget of \$233,529, reports Alice Peddy, chief appraiser.

The budget has already been approved by taxing entities within Hansford county who are covered

by the appraisal district.

This includes the Spearman ISD,
Gruver ISD and Pringle-Morse Consolidated ISD as well as the cities of Spearman and Gruver along with Hansford County, Hansford County Hospital District, Hansford County Water Conservation District and the Palo Duro River Authority.

The appraisal district held a public hearing Wednesday after-noon last week but tabled the budget without approving it, reports the district's office.

There we were on the set of Nashville Now, an estimated 36 million TV viewers about to tune in, me needing a restroom break, and Roger Miller is quietly singing just to me a few of the new songs he's working on. Tender love songs like, "Don't Cry Over My Shoulder, Sweetheart, 'Cause The Tears Will Run Down My Back And

Rust Out My Spurs."

It's hard to keep a straight face around Roger especially after three glasses of ice tea. We nonetheless poked fun at each other. What a team, King of the Road and the Prince of Pressure.

'Wanna do a lounge opening for me in Vegas?" he asked. "That's outside Enid in Oklahoma.

"I'd prefer a service station or bus stop in Nashvillle," I quipped. "Hey, I know! Let's play a nuclear power plant," he said. "My songs are retroactive."

'You mean radioactive.' "Yeah, they sort of glow on you . doo, doo, doo, doo, tu, tu, tu, too, do, do (You had to have

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been there.). "Have you always been this way?" I probed, "or did aliens bring you to earth?"

'You know my agent?'' he fired "I was in the 4-H Club. Specialized in swine, swill, and songwriting.'

Then he proceeded to prove his affection for his four-legged friends with his latest release, "How About A Hand For The Hog."

Every few bars he would throw out a line like, "I used to be a one-man band but we broke up.

About that time, we were joined by Farron Young. Roger used to be a drummer for his band and was dabbling in songwriting. "When was this?" I asked.

'Real early 70's," said Roger, 'like 1959.'

It seems that Roger had these songs that popped up in his head. On the band bus, about 3 a.m., he woke up Farron to sing him this song he had just written. Farron listened, then threw him "Imagine," said Young, being woke up, hungover, to the music and words of one of the dumbest songs imaginable. Sing a little of it, Roger.'

He did. "In the summertime, when all the trees and leaves are green . . . and the red birds sing . .

Everybody laughed. Great artists, great sports.

When I asked Roger if we could get the staff phototgrapher to take photo of the two of us, we hammed it up and he quipped, 'Hey, a publicity photo like this could be good for the old career." I nodded approvingly in the pre-

sence of a superstar. Then he added, "I sure hope it

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#### Spearman softball team completes play

A Spearman women's softball team finished out their season in third place of league play and second in the end of the season tournament at Perryton this past weekend.

The team, called the Lusby Cats, finished regular season with a 16-4 won-loss record. In tournament play, they fell to a Beaver, Ok., girls squad in two games to finish there with a 4-2 mark.

The Perryton women's league was comprised of 11 teams with one from Spearman, two from Beaver and the remaining eight teams from Perryton.

In tournament action, the Cats downed a Perryton team twice, following it up by beating one of the Beaver teams and a Perryton squad, but then fell in two games to Chockley's of Beaver who won the tourney title.

Teammembers include Sunshine Smith, Kari Schumann, Cindy Rice, Betty Caddel, Donna Hendrickson, Donna McCubbin, Donna Yarbrough, Jennifer Yarbrough, Londee Bradley;

Lori Altman, Jodell Tigrett, Stacy Swan, Ronda Witten and Kim Vera. Manager for the Cats was Eugene Yarbrough.

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Thursday, August 27, at 7 p.m. in the hospital board room. At this meeting, input from the public is sought by the hospital district and at this point they must decide whether to officially set the tax rate at the 40.9 cent level.

At this point, all the district has done is stated their intent to establish the 1987-88 tax rate at the new figure.

In the next meeting, the district will set a date for a second During the second meeting, board members must decide and vote the new tax rate

Since the new tax rate is above eight percent of the effective tax

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and a junior at Spearman high

Four others -- Sharon Mach. 31. of Houston; Bernie, 29, who recentyl returned to Spearman; Carolyn, 27, who is a computer teacher in San Francisco; and Alvin, 26, who is a mechanic at Five Star Implement in Spearman -- comprise the portion of the flock who have left home to go out on their

"Sewing and quilting was something I did as a matter of course," laughs Mrs. Byers. "I enjoy it, though, it's not a chore or something I don't look forward to

The state award-winning quilt has over 200 hours of Joyce's time in it. Measuring some 90-inches by 110-inches, the quilt is comprised of a pastel yellow polyester/cotton combo with polyester batting. It contains offsetting white blocks which have machine appliqued windmills sewn on in a variety of

Normally she doesn't put that much time into one of her quilts. "Most of my quilts are for use, not for show," she states. "Generally I'll have about 40 hours of work in a quilt from start to finish.'

Last year, Mrs. Byers started some 13 quilts and finished out some four or five of them.

It's not unusual to get one started, then lay it aside to work on another or something else alto-

gether, she adds. So a naturally inclination and some God-given talent have proved to be of special value to the Spearman woman. But it's something she takes in stride, almost as if it were just another one of those everyday, ordinary events.

"I learned to sew on doll clothes when I was just a kid," she says matter-of-factly. "And most of my training has come from 4-H lead-

That training has paid off in some well-deserved self-satisfaction for Joyce Byers of Spearman.

rate, voters in Hansford County will have the option to call for a roll-back election which will limit the tax hike the district may impose.

The limit is the eight percent figure of \$.206939 per \$100 of value -- less than half of the amount needed to balance the budget.

Under the eight percent rollback option, tax revenue would be dropped from \$1,512,286 to \$765, 161, a loss of \$747,125.

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they deserve a story which states those facts.

Besides all that, there are libel and slander laws which are designed to protect those people who may find themselves on the end of a good, vengeful article -- if such a thing exists.

In this column, you'll come closer to finding me airing those prejudices and dislikes than anywhere else in the paper. Frankly, they don't belong anywhere

And I'm very, very careful about what I say in my column. In this age of civil suits being filed at the drop of a hat, I choose not to hire a lawyer if I don't have to.

That won't keep a negative story from being printed if it's a good story, borne out solely by facts and/or figures. Not on my prejudices or dislikes . . . or on any one else's, for that matter.

It's a responsibility. And, like most Texans, I don't take my responsibilities lightly.

Our final thought; Justice, I think, is the tolerable accomodation of the conflicting interests of society, and I don't believe there is any royal road to attain such accomodations concretely. Learned Hand.

#### **Hospital Report**

Patients in Hansford Hospital are Elvin Boese and R.V. Con-

Dismissed were Jessica Gallardo, Misty Pearson and Buster

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#### Studying for journalism master's . . .

## Former grad SHS 'down-under'

The following is a reprint from an Australian newspaper, the Geelong Advertiser, and is a feature on a 1971 Spearman high school grad, Lynn Hohertz.

Lynn is the daughter of Bob and Marva Hohertz of Spearman, and is in Australia thanks to a special Rotary Club scholarship program which is allowing her to further her post-graduate work in journalism.

The article, reprinted in its entirety, was written by a Australian feature writer and takes its point of view from the Australian side of things.

Lynn Horhertz is a high-powered, dedicated news-paperwoman, "Newspaper work gets in your blood. It's a very fast pace. Each day is different." With deep brown eyes and irresistible warmth, her charming Texan accent rolls like

Lynn, from the Texan town of Lubbock where she is Family News Editor of the Lubbock Avalanche Journal, is in Geelong on a nine-month Rotary scholarship sponsored by her local club. While here she is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Belmont.

She said Rotary Clubs internationally each year sponsored more than 1000 scholarships for under-graduates, graduates, teachers of the disabled and journ-

And Lynn, who thrives on new experiences and being well-informed, is determined to fully utilize

As well as avidly reading our newspapers since arriving in April, she has taken in the attractions of Molbourne and Sydney, none the least being the fashion boutiques and book shops, and is overwhelmed with the grandeur of our coastline.

Of the Great Ocean Road, she said -- "I love the sea. Where I'm from it's very flat. To be driving along the road and have the ocean on one side and the rainforest on the other is quite amazing. It's beautiful."

When a cousin from Dallas visted the adventurous pair set off for Cairns and marvelled at the banana and sugar plantations in contrast to the wheat and cotton fields back home, explored several islands and did some white river

But Lynn says her trip will still be complete if she doesn't confront a wild crocodile face to face!

This week she heads to Tasmania, and later in the year her parents will visit and be treated to the sights.

While in Geelong, Lynn will research her masters at Deakin University, examining the sterotyping of Americans in the Australian media.

"Australians have told me the funniest things about what they think Americans are like . . . that all Americans wear knit pant suits and are boisterous, and one schoolgirl

told me all Americans smile a lo and they all have beautiful teeth!"

Lynn is an enthusiastic news hound, always on the look out for a "good story". She is making constant notes about her adventures which will be turned into features when she returns.

Born in a tiny town in the Panhandle of Texas, she was a top-ranking basketballer at school and went on to University to major in advertising and public relations.

She discovered that field was too crowded, turned to journalism, and landed a job with the Lubbock paper in the family news section.

She fullfillled her ambition to be editor of the section by the age of 30 and, at 35, is at the peak of her

Her workload is exhaustive. She writes copy for two editions every weekday, and the Saturday and Sunday editions. She also trains and supervises a staff of five

The broadsheet paper is remarkably similiar to the Geelong Advertiser, as is the town of Lubbock with a population, like ours, of

The Family News section canvasses all community issues and social events, and Lynn is thoroughly immersed in community life. Working a 10-hour day then attending evening functions.

"I need to get out in the community. That's how you hear about so many different stories,

when you get out and you listen to people; listen to what they want to read and get in tune with the community."

Lynn also serves on numerous committees and boards, including the Council of Drug and Alcohol Abuse, and is a dedicated member of Junior League, an international women's service organization in which members contribute a mimimum of three hours' community service each week.

Through the league, she has helped in a rehabilitation center for accident victims and in a neo-natal unit, caring for fragile premature

She also gets to do her share of fun things like taking to the air in a glider, judging the Miss Lubbock pageant, and she recently flew to Los Angeles for a chili tasting and met the stars of the Dallas TV

Although single and devoted to her work, Lynn balances her life with regular tennis and gym work-

Another passion is skiing. Each winter she crosses the border and tackles the breathtaking slopes of New Mexico and Colorado.

Meanwhile, Australia is providing enough excitement and Paul Hogan would be pleased to know the locals are extending a warm

"People in Geelong are a lot like people in Texas -- very open and very enthusiastic," she said.

She finished high school at Spearman then attended Texas Tech for one year and a half. She entered S.M.U. and received her degree in elementary education.

The Jarvises are parents of three children: Will, Anne Marie and Bonnie. The outstanding records of their children in various activities indicates that Billy Britt and Linda have given generously of their time and effort to working with Youth Organizations -- Horse Shows and 4-H clubs and others too numerous to mention.

They are members of the Church of Christ and he is a past Master of Hansford Lodge 1040 AF&AM. Although they enjoy snow skiing

when the opportunity offers, their time has been devoted to working with youth -- not just from a sense of duty, but with enjoyment and a sense of fulfillment.

The Jarvis legal firm is a fairly recent member of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce. He sees the need for a unity of purpose among the community businesses and enjoys the cooperation he finds in the Chamber of Commerce.

JAN CRAWFORD and BILLY KELLY tem and their responsibilities as citizens, according to James Gipe, TFB Citizenship Seminar Coordin-

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Hansford youth attend seminar

through county Farm Bureaus. Dr. L.D. Vincent, president of Angelo State, delivered welcoming comments to the students.

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understanding of their American

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Believing that marrriage is ordained by God Judge and Mrs. Roy Lee McClellan request that you share in the joy as their daughter is united in marriage to Stephen Kary Holston son of

Reverend and Mrs. Wilton Holston on Saturday, the twenty-ninth of August at seven o'clock in the evening First United Methodist Church 407 South Haney

Cecil Biggers practice. The Jarvis offices now occupy the new building at 124 West Kenneth.

Although Billy Britt had sufficient farming, ranching and other business obligations to fully occupy his time, he felt that he could provide needed, legal services to the community.

Since beginning his practice he has consistently offered a broadbased general practice. His service includes expertise in real estate transactions, estate planning, wills and probate matters, oil, gas and other mineral interests, family concerns and criminal law. He handles business, industrial and individual cases. Capable and courteous employees Berner and Jan Dunn.

It is his intention to offer legally correct procedure to best benefit each client. He gives each case his sincere and complete attention. Mr. Jarvis' policy is to avoid litigation if at all feasible; but if it is in the best interest of his client, he will pursue the case through the

courts. It is his philosophy that clients are best served with as brief litigation as possible, consistant with attaining the desired results.

Billy Britt was born in Amarillo though he is actually a native of Hansford County. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jarvis of Stinnett. He finished high school at Morse; was a student at Texas A & M, receiving a B.S. in Agricultural Economics. He then attended S.M.U. where he was awarded his Jurisprudence Degree in 1968.

He served in the U.S. Army Hawk Battalion at Fort Bliss. Then he was attached to the First Brigade, 5th Infantry Division, mechanizes. He served in Viet Nam, being, in Qun-tri, near the DMZ for one year. He admits receiving the Bronze Star, but doesn't discuss it.

He was assistent district attorney at Borger before opening his

Billy Britt is married to the former Linda Holt. She is a native of Hutchison County, the daughter of Nolan and the late Geogia Holt.

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The ceremony was held in the First Christian Church of Spear-

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Irlbeck of Spear-

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pearce of White

Maid of honor was Shanon Rylant of Spearman. Bridal atten-

#### Stratford to host Miss FB, contest

Stratford will host the 1987 District I Miss Texas Farm Bureau and Talent Find Contests this Thursday. The special contest will be held at the Mary Allen Elementary school in Stratford begin-

ning at 8 p.m. Contestants for Miss Texas Farm Bureau are Julie Latta from Spearman and Hansford County; Lori Wiley from Stratford and Sherman County; and Anne Mulner from Dalhart and Dallam County.

Contestants for the Talent Find

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Best man was Mike Clay of White Deer and groomsmen were Don Adams of Austin, and Chris Harper of Pampa.

Guests were seated by Dannin Irlbeck, brother of the bride and Kent Tice, of Skellytown.

Candlelighters were Dustin & Derek Irlbeck, brothers of the bride, from Spearman.

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Morse and Hansford County; Leigh Bass from Stratford and Sherman The winner of each of these

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#### Among the Neighbors

By Helen Fisher

Guests of Mrs. Iva McElhaney over the weekend were her sister and husband, Mada and Jack Bailey, of Shawnee, Ok.

They were accompanined by her granddaughter, Jennifer Sternberg and her daughter, Amanda.

Mrs. Sternberg has been living in Greece where her parents live. her father is with the Navy there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fewell enjoyed the pleasure and activity of their grandchildren over the weekend. Cassie and Stephen Fewell live in Olton and returned on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hazlewood returned from a 12-day vacation at Red River on Monday. Their daughter, Mary Sue Ragsdale of Seagraves, spent most of her vacation with them.

Bill and Cathy Hazlewood of Amarillo with Ryan and Caleb joined them for a few days.

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Latta, with Tommie and Leslie, participated in a three day reunion last week. The Latta family annually hold their reunion at Red River.

After the reunion, the Latta's spent some time at the TO Ranch where they have cattle interests. T.C. and Lou Harvey at long last

are in the process of moving into

their new home. It will be some

CANYON -- Four soon-to-be West Texas State University fresh-

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For the past several years, they have been living in Phoenix, Az. where he was in business. He is now retired. Their son lives in Dallas and one

daughter in California, and the other daughter, Mrs. A.D. (Sharon), lives here as do other

Mrs. Harvey stated that no matter where they lived, their roots were always in Hasford County, so they welcomed an opportunity to return last Feburary.

Both the Harveys enjoy golfing although they have played very little in recent years. Actually, they say, their hobby would be their grandchildren and now a greatgrandson, Tatum Boyd, gets a lot of their attention.

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announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Amanda, to Dewayne Kyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kyle of Amarillo.

Estela L. Guzman of Spearman

He has also attended Amarillo College to work toward a degree in criminal justice. Kyle currently

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Wire face.' THE ENERGY WIRE WASHINGTON PIPELINE COL-

By Bill Garland WASHINGTON -- Most oil-state lawmakers agree that long-sought repeal of the crude oil windfall profits tax is now more than a pipe dream for the first time since the tax hit the boooks in 1980.

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Energy

The fate of the tax will come down to traditional political poker between two of the most experienced power brokers in Congress: Senate Finance Committee Chairman Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski,

No need to explain which side is which, Rostenkowski has been on record for years in favor of keeping the oil tax. Bentsen worked hard in the Finance Committee and on the Senate floor to get rid of the tax in the trade bill.

A trade bill conference committee, chaired by Bentsen and Rostenkowski, will determine who wins after the August congression-

Neither of the two is saying much publicly about the potency of their cards on the windfall isssue. But a congressional aide close to Rostenkowski was willing to give a down-to-earth preview of the matchup.

"A good part of this equation is how important this is to Lloyd Bentsen," said the aide about repeal of the tax. "Rostenkowski prides himself on being a negotiator. If Lloyd Bentsen comes to this conference and says, Dan, all I want is the windfall profits tax and you can work your way on everything else, you can bet Rostenkowski would go along," he said.

'It's not something Rostenkowski would say never to. Instead, he would say, what's the price and the conversation would go on from there," added the aide, who did not want to be named.

"I think they both go in with lists or priorities of what they want most and care least about. Where is it on his (Bentsen's) list? Then they have to sit down and deal," said the aide.

If what the aide says is true, and his position would seem to put him close to Rostenkowski's thinking on the issue, there might be hope for some additional rays of optimism in the oil patch.

In an interview, Bentsen made plain that windfall repeal would be one of his top issues on the trade bill, but noted that Rostenkowski is 'a tough negotiator.'

The Energy Wire/Doug Williamson

"I've been up against him many times and I don't have any illusions about it," said the senator. "I'll do my bargaining with Danny face to He noted Rostenkowski has been

firmly against repeal of the tax, but that "all things when you get into one of these conferences are negotiable. I know he turned it down last time and was strong in his opposition, but this is another day and I'm sure we'll discuss it at some length."

Since the House aide is the obvious focus of the windfall struggle, oil-state congressmen have circulated a "dear colleague" letter to build momentum for repealing the tax on the conference committee.

The letter, addressed to Rostenkowski and initiated by Rep. Lamar Smith, D-San Antonio, noted that the tax is expected to generate little revenue in the next several years while oil companies deal with the costs of regular filings.

THE ENERGY WIRE August 7, 1987 By Bill Garland

WASHINGTON -- A rift has developed among leaders of the independent oil and gas industry over whether to file petitions with the International Trade Commission and Commerce Department that could lead to stabilization of oil

Enserch Corp. of Dallas and the Producers and Royalty Owners Association had planned to file the petitions on Aug. 5.

But executives with those organizations were informed last week that the Independent Petroleum Association of America, the largest group representing independent oil and gas producers, had decided to step back from its support for the petition.

'We don't understand,' said one industry official. "IPAA did participate thoroghly in the whole thing until last week."

The ITC filing would be under section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974 and the Commerce filing would be under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. Those filings would attempt to demonstrate that the domestic energy industry has been harmed by foreign oil imports and trade practices.

If those petitions were approved by the agencies, President Reagan would have to determine whether to provide relief to the industry in the form of an import tariff . essentially providing a floor for oil prices -- or other measures.

President Reagan in recent years has approved an agency recommendation to provide relief for the motorcycle industry, but turned down recommendations for the copper and shoe industries.

Ron Harris, IPAA's spokesman in Washington, acknowledged that IPAA had backed away from its former support for the petitions, but denied that the organization had formally agreed to the Aug. 5 filing date.

IPAA's Crude Oil Committee -with 52 oil producers from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico and other oil states -- has scheduled a quickly-arranged meeting in Dallas on Aug. 11 to reconsider IPAA's support. If that committee votes in fovor of proceeding with petitions, members of IPAA's executive committee will be polled by phone on what one official called 'an emergency basis" for a final decision.

Enserch officials have said IPAA's full backing is considered crucial to the petitions because ITC officials said the filing must be supported by "a substantial por-tion of the industry." IPAA's support also is seen as crucial. according to one industry official, because of the need for financial backing. He estimated that legal costs could run into "millions of

"A number of our people felt like they needed more education, more information on this, before they committed to coming aboard," said IPAA's Harris. "That doesn't IPAA's Harris. negate anybody else from filing it if they want to. There's been no wrench thrown into anything so far as we're concerned."

One industry official said a source of concern has been the level at which the petition might ask for an oil floor price, whether at \$20 per barrel, \$22 or some other figure.

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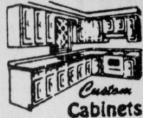
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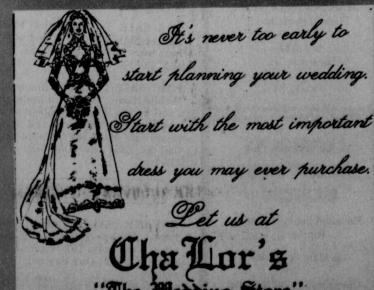


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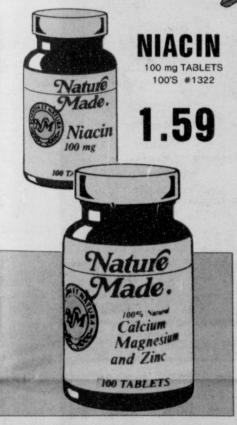












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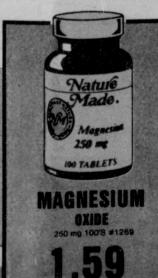
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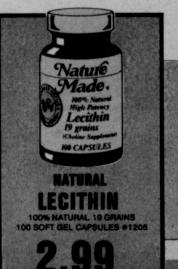
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